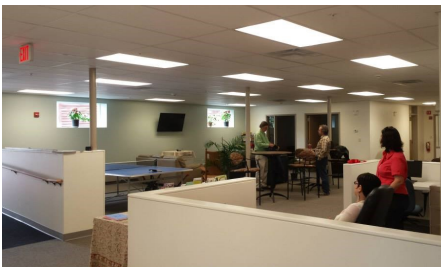
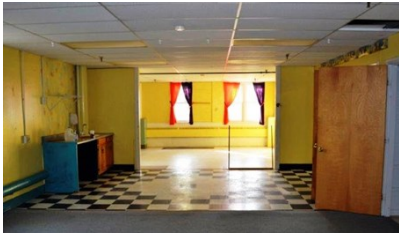


New Beginnings Expanded Youth Drop-In Center: from Dream to Reality



1997: First Drop In Center Opens at 245 Lisbon Street in downtown Lewiston.

2004: New Beginnings involves youth in planning for an expanded Drop-In center and begin to search for new space.

2011: New Beginnings purchases former JCC at 134 College Street and receives first grant to support the project.

2012: Planning to fund renovation begins.

2013: 100% Staff and Board participation launches \$1.25 million building campaign; fundraising volunteers begin approaching individuals and businesses for support.

2014: Campaign goes public and support increases; \$500K gift from Next Generation Foundation of Maine allows renovation to begin. By year-end, New Beginnings has raised 1 million dollars!

2015: Fundraising continues. Symbolic "ground breaking" ceremony for Drop-In Center is held where New Beginnings announces naming gift from Geiger family leaving \$100K left to raise.

April: The Ann Geiger Center for New Beginnings is dedicated at Annual Dinner; Drop-in Center construction completed.



May: New Drop-In Center Opens at 134 College St. with expanded kitchen, recreation, counseling, and arts spaces

June: New Beginnings' administrative offices relocate to the top floor. Senator Susan Collins and HUD Secretary Julian Castro visit New Beginnings and talk with youth and the press at the new center.

September: New Beginnings' Educational Support Program moves into new learning lab and classroom on building's first floor.

October 2015: New Beginnings needs to raise **final \$25,000** to complete the \$1.25 million campaign by December 31, 2015.

